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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: D.J. Daniels et al. Attorney Docket No.: BSME124878
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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated April 6, 2005, set to expire on July 6, 2005, be extended by 3 months, to expire on October 6, 2005. The enclosed check includes the 3-month extension fee of \$1020. In response to the Office Action, a continuation application is being filed concurrently herewith (our Docket No. BSME-1-26513).

The required fee of \$1020 is included in our enclosed Check No. 166446.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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